

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

In Support of the Certification of the NJ Division on Civil Rights by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights is charged with promoting prejudice reduction and ways to help reduce discrimination, and it helps the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights in the exercise of its duties to combat unlawful discrimination in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights works collaboratively with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights (NJDCR) to protect the rights of New Jersey's residents from unlawful housing discrimination; and

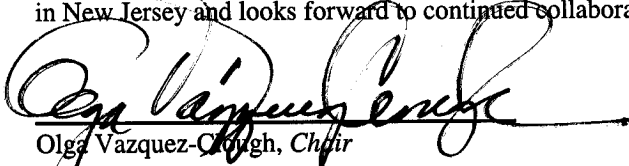
WHEREAS, and whereas the NJDCR has established a contractual relationship with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to combat unlawful housing discrimination in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the NJDCR has made housing discrimination enforcement one of its principle missions, establishing a Housing/MDRR Investigation Unit, providing specialized training for its Housing Unit Staff, enhancing its legal staff handling housing discrimination, conducting very fruitful housing discrimination testing, and substantially increasing outreach and prevention efforts to inform New Jersey's residents of their rights to be free from unlawful housing discrimination and also educating housing providers of their responsibilities under the law; and

WHEREAS, the NJDCR is currently being assessed by HUD, in accordance with procedure, in order to ultimately make a determination whether or not to certify NJDCR and designate NJDCR as the State's housing discrimination enforcement agency, thereby entitling the NJDCR to federal funds for enforcement and education efforts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this date, June 14, 2005, by the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights supports the NJDCR's efforts to be designated a HUD-approved agency to handle housing discrimination enforcement under the federal Fair Housing Act and the substantially equivalent New Jersey Law Against Discrimination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights recognizes the important contributions of the NJDCR and its Housing/MDRR Investigations Unit in combating unlawful housing discrimination in New Jersey and looks forward to continued collaboration with NJDCR and HUD.


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